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Pursuant to the ALJ's September 7, 2021 Order Extending Deadline for Filing Reply, the parties file this Joint Status Report.

- 1. On June 15, 2021, the United States Department of Transportation ("Department" or "DOT") filed an Enforcement Complaint against Air Canada alleging violations of 49 U.S.C. § 41712 and 14 C.F.R. § 259.5 relating to airline ticket refunds (the "Enforcement Complaint"). On June 30, 2021, Air Canada filed a Verified Answer, a Motion to Dismiss the Enforcement Complaint, and a Memorandum in Support thereof. On July 19, 2021, OACP filed an Answer in Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss the Enforcement Complaint.
- 2. On July 20, 2021, at the Parties' request, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") entered a stay to enable the Parties to pursue settlement discussions. The ALJ ordered the Parties to file a status report on August 10, 2021 and if the Parties had not reached a settlement, for Air Canada to file a Reply on August 24, 2021.
- 3. On August 10, 2021, the ALJ entered an Order granting Air Canada's Consent Motion for a Continuance and Further Stay. The ALJ ordered a status report to be filed on August

- 20, 2021 and Air Canada's Reply brief be filed no later than September 3, 2021.
- 4. On August 24, 2021, the ALJ entered an Order granting Air Canada's Consent Motion for a Continuance and Further Stay. The ALJ ordered a status report to be filed on September 3, 2021 and Air Canada's Reply brief be filed no later than September 17, 2021.
- 5. On September 7, 2021, the ALJ entered an Order Extending Deadline for Filing Reply. The ALJ ordered a status report to be filed on September 17, 2021 and Air Canada's Reply brief be filed no later than October 1, 2021.
- 6. The parties have continued to engage in productive settlement discussions since July 20, 2021.
- 7. As of the time of this Joint Status Report, the parties are still in productive settlement discussions.
- 8. The Parties therefore request that the stay of this matter be continued until, and a further joint status report be filed on, October 1, 2021.
- 9. Should it become necessary for Air Canada to file a reply in support of its motion to dismiss, such reply will be due on or before October 15, 2021.

### Respectfully submitted,

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